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FINE PARTICLE HANDLING UNIT, CHIP AND SENSOR MOUNTED WITH
SAME, AND METHODS FOR SEPARATING, CAPTURING AND SENSING
PROTEIN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in fulfillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the cited documents are made of record on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 2003-389566, filed September 29, 2009. A copy of the Japanese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto, with what is believed to be the pertinent portion enclosed in a wavy line. **An English translation of the enclosed portion is also attached hereto.**

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